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MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a Divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 10/177,149 filed on June 24, 2002, which is a divisional of Application No. 09/887,442, now U.S. Patent Number 6,563,554 B2, which is a divisional of Application No. 09/217,931 filed on December 22, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,281,952, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; by

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for

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1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).

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2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE			\$770.00	\$385.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	20 -20 =	0	x 18 = 0	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1-3 =	0	x 86 = \$0.00	x 43 = \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$290.00	+ \$145.00
TOTAL			\$770.00	\$0.00

3. ☒ A check in the amount of 770.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. ☒ Enclosed is/are thirty-two (32) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 6a. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 10/177,149 on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 6b. ☐ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7. ☒ The prior application is assigned to Sharp Kabushiki Kaisha.
8. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 9a. ☒ Priority of Application No(s). 9-359036 and 10-364247 filed in Japan on December 26 1997 and December 22, 1998, respectively are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in parent application 09/217,931, now U.S. Patent No. 6,281,952 on March 3, 1999.
- 9b. ☐ Priority of International Appln. _____ filed on _____ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and _____

Application No. _____ filed in _____ on _____ under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

10. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
11. ☒ Address all future communications to:
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12. ☐ An extension of time for _____ () month(s) until _____ has been submitted in parent Application No. 10/177,149 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
13. ☒ Also enclosed herewith is the following:

Letter - advising of co-pending applications (copy as filed in parent case U.S. Application No. 09/887,442, Now U.S. Patent No. 6,563,554 B2)

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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